

November 11, 2010

Mr. Roy Jacobsen

Roy,

This letter is a formal confirmation of The Broad Run Farms Civic Associations (BRFCA) meeting last night as regards the stakeholder process for the Chesapeake Bay Protection Ordinance (CBPO). The Board of the BRFCA instructs our stakeholder representatives to represent our community in the following manner. We do not support the current CBPO in any way, shape or manner. We do not think the proposed ordinance can be suitably modified and we think it should be thrown out and the process begun anew. The science has no baseline; no goals for what is clean water; no budget; no cost benefit analysis and insufficient data.

As citizens intimately involved in the waters of Broad Run and the Potomac River we have concluded that this proposed amendment is not about cleaning the Bay or our streams and rivers. The waters of the Potomac are cleaner than they have been for at least ten years. Fish, crayfish, hellgrammites, and clams are all flourishing. The bird population is more robust than any in recent memory; eagles, heron, egrets, ducks, geese, and ospreys all flourish. A Heron rookery exists on Broad Run indicating ample fish and water health.

A few more considerations:

- 1- Adequate scientific studies are not in place.
- 2- Our experience in being out on and in the water constantly is contrary to what the county is claiming.
- 3- Riparian buffers are effectively in place in our neighborhood along the Broad Run and the Potomac River. (The major exception being the county-owned Bles Park on the opposite side of Broad Run.)
- 4- We think interests from outside our county who do not have the best interests of Loudoun citizens and homeowners in mind are promoting this bill, based on Chesapeake Bay needs.
- 5- The alleged stream crisis is in fact a false crisis. The Versar study lists ALL county stream habitat in the top three categories, A] Optimal, B] Suboptimal, or C] Marginal and no D/F] Poor. (Versar 3.2.1) page 3-8
- 6- The EPA is in the process of redoing the whole Chesapeake Bay process and rendering the 20 year old, tidal zone oriented, ineffective Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act obsolete. This may render any county action moot, or non-compliant. Only .8 of 1% of the water flowing into the Bay comes from Loudoun!
- 7- The Act, as presented in Loudoun County, is based on incomplete science at best, and is an outright sales job and anti-taxpayer, property owner and homeowner at worst.

The BRFCA board would gladly support a clean water bill for Loudoun that is grounded in good science and practical solutions to identified problems. As lovers of water recreation and as victims of past county practices as regards to the landfill, we have an understanding of the importance of clean water. We just want to see a thoughtful program done right for Loudoun County.

The board and residents of Broad Run Farms thank both you and Eric Dejohnge for representing our neighborhood in this second stakeholder process. We also would like to thank the county for finally agreeing to a stakeholder process that includes the homeowners of the county.

Regards,

Carol Kearney, President

Broad Run Farms Civic Association